

BIG LOST RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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Gary Spackman, Director
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Dear Director Spackman:

For a long time there has been much concern about the water resources in the Big Lost River Valley and the conjunctive management of the surface water versus ground water. There is also a concern from the Snake River Coalition about mitigation of waters from the Big Lost River drainage.

There are currently numerous activities underway in this valley to increase the efficiency of surface water delivery and to reduce the loss of water in the canal delivery systems by lining canals. This activity raises the question of the impact of these actions on aquifer recovery, stabilization and depletion. This concept is now being addressed and evaluated throughout the entire Snake River Plain Aquifer.

The Directors of the Big Lost River Irrigation District acknowledge that part of their responsibility is not only the surface water delivery but making sure that any BLRID activities does not significantly impact the stability or depletion of the aquifer.

Therefore the Board of Directors request that the Idaho Department of Water Resources and Idaho Water Resource Board consider doing a study to determine hydrological resources, conditions and impacts of our resource availabilities in Water Basin 34.

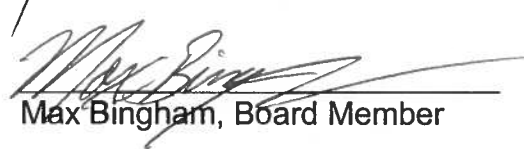
Sincerely,
Big Lost River Irrigation Board of Directors



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